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**AMENDMENT AND  
RESPONSE**

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First Named Inventor	OUYANG, TIANMEI
Application Number	09/988,494
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Group Art Unit	1651
Examiner Name	DAVIS, RUTH A.
Title:	"STABILIZED TETRAZOLIUM PHENAZINE REAGENT COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR USING THE SAME"

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This communication is responsive to the Advisory Action dated February 13, 2004, for which a three-month period for response from the date of the Final Office Action was given making this response due on or before January 17, 2004. Applicants herewith petition for a two-month extension of time. As such, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks set forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.